

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 16 (Withdrawn)

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A method of cleaning a contact lens in the eye of a wearer comprising applying to said contact lens an ophthalmically compatible contact lens cleaning solution comprising water-containing beads having a mean particle size of less than 30 μm but greater than about 10 μm , wherein at least 90 weight percent of said water-containing beads have a major diameter of less than 50 μm .

Claim 18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein said ophthalmic solution further comprises at least one surfactant.

Claim 19. (Previously amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said method further comprising the sequential steps of blinking and then rinsing the eye and the contact lens with an ophthalmic rinsing solution to dilute or substantially remove the contact lens cleaning solution from the eye.

Claim 20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein said method is carried out in the absence of a rinsing step.